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SUBJECT:PROPOSAL FOR US-MEXICAN TALKS ON TELECOMMUNICATION
MATTERS.

1. IN A VARIETY OF TELECOMMUNICATION-RELATED AREAS
(DETAILED PARA THREE), PROBLEMS HAVE DEVELOPED THAT WE
BELIEVE COULD BE ALLEVIATED THROUGH TALKS BETWEEN US
TELECOMMUNICATION OFFICIALS AND THEIR MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS.
DEPARTMENT WISHES ARRANGE FOR SUCH TALKS TO BE HELD IN
NEAR FUTURE, HOPEFULLY IN EARLY FALL. EMBASSY'S VIEWS
REQUESTED ON USE OF MEETING OF SOCIAL WORKING GROUP OF
US-MEXICAN COUNSULTATIVE MECHANISM TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED
FOR 11-12 AUGUST AT MEXICO CITY TO INTRODUCE IDEA OF TALKS
AND SECURE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS.
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GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. (AS EMBASSY AWARE, GOM
RAISED SUBJECT OF FREQUENCY COORDINATION WITH USG
OFFICIALS DURING VISIT TO MEXICO IN APRIL 1976; MATTER,

HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN PURSUED.)

2. IF CONSULTATION MECHANISM USED, US SPOKESMAN AT

AUGUST MEETING COULD INDICATE US DESIRE FOR TALKS, CITING POSSIBLE SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED AND ENDEAVORING OBTAIN GOM AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON TALKS IN NEAR FUTURE.

IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE LEFT TO TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES, PURSUANT TO GENERAL POLICY GUIDANCE FROM SOCIAL WORKING GROUP.

3. IN US VIEW, FALL MEETING WOULD BE USED FOR BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON WIDE RANGE OF TELECOMMUNICATION MATTERS. IN NO SENSE WOULD IT BE NEGOTIATING SESSION. SUBJECTS THAT US CONSIDERS COULD USEFULLY BE INCLUDED IN AGENDA ARE LISTED BELOW. MEXICO MIGHT WISH SUGGEST OTHERS.

A. AM BROADCASTING, 535 - 1605 KHZ: SUITABILITY OF PRESENT AGREEMENT (TIAS 7021). MEANS FOR HANDLING INTER-FERENCE CASES (TWO OF WHICH, XEDP TO KGNC ON 710 KHZ AND XEYJ TO KPRC ON 950 KHZ, PENDING).

B. FM BROADCASTING, 88 - 108 MHZ: SUITABILITY OF PRESENT AGREEMENT (TIAS 7697), INCLUDING ADEQUACY OF MECHANISM FOR NOTIFYING CHANGES.

C. VHF TELEVISION BROADCASTING: SUITABILITY OF PRESENT AGREEMENT (TIAS 5043), INCLUDING ADEQUACY OF MECHANISM FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTIFYING CHANGES.

D. UHF TELEVISION BROADCASTING: SUITABILITY OF PRESENT AGREEMENT (TIAS 4089), INCLUDING US REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION TO ACCOMMODATE LAND MOBILE ASSIGNMENTS IN BAND SEGMENT 806 - 890 MHZ, AND RECENT INDICATION OF MEXICAN WILLINGNESS TO HOLD TALKS (MEXICO 12490).

E. POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON COORDINATION AND USE OF VHF SPECTRUM BETWEEN 148 AND 174 MHZ. IN 1976 TALKS ALLUDED TO IN PARA ONE MEXICANS MENTIONED THIS AS AREA OF PRIMARY CONCERN.

F. POSSIBLE RECIPROCAL OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR AMATEUR SERVICE.

G. POSSIBLE RECIPROCAL OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR CITIZENS BAND RADIO SERVICE.

4. US ALSO KEENLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE WITH GOM OFFICIALS. TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE HELD SEPARATELY FROM ISSUES

DESCRIBED PARA THREE ABOVE. PURPOSE OF DISCUSSIONS AT THIS EARLY STAGE IS FOR OPEN AND COMPLETE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON KEY ISSUES TO BE TREATED BY 1979 WARC, RATHER THAN EFFORT TO PRESS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF US POSITIONS. (MEXICO 2433 REPORTS INTERIM STATUS OF MEXICAN WILLINGNESS DISCUSS

1979 WARC. STATE A-1853 AND A-377 PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON UNDERLYING ISSUES.)

5. IF DESIRED BY MEXICO, SPANISH-LANGUAGE PRESENTATION ON USG ORGANIZATION FOR FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT AND FOR US

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION CONFERENCES COULD BE GIVEN. US WOULD WELCOME SIMILAR PRESENTATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION ON GOM STRUCTURE.

6. SINCE SOCIAL WORKING GROUP AGENDA STILL IN FORMATIVE STAGE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT YOU NOT DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH GOM OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME. VANCE

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